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SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

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Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-02 at 1230 hours.

POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold. The OPP also has vehicles strategically placed outside of the downtown core to monitor and assist as required.

1. The OPS has advised of the following (**CONFIRMED**):

- [REDACTED] (1992-09-15) – Arrested - Mischief – Released
- [REDACTED] (DOB not provided) – Arrested - Conspiracy to Commit; Utter Threats – Released under conditions not to be in Ottawa or near the Mayor of Ottawa;
- [REDACTED] (1986-06-27) – Apprehended under the MHA and released;
- [REDACTED] (1984-03-10 – Social media making homemade fireworks - BOLO issued

2. The OPS has advised that members of FARFADAA are blocking major intersections in the vicinity of the blockade and are being uncooperative with police. Information from the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) indicates that FARFADAA (from the French word “farfadet” meaning sprite, imp, or leprechaun) is an anti-government quasi-sovereigntist group that has opposed public health measures in Quebec. Members of the group often take on a security role: [REDACTED] has allegedly called on FARFADAA to

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provide his security. However, the SQ also advises that members of the group are not known to be violent. **(RELIABLE)**

3. The OPS has advised that Police reporting indicates that [REDACTED] (a.k.a. [REDACTED]) may have arrived in Ottawa. **(BELIEVED RELIABLE)**
4. The OPP is in receipt of a letter in which the Acting Grand Chief of the Algonquin Anishnabeg Nation Tribal Council states that [REDACTED] (a.k.a. [REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] (a.k.a. [REDACTED]) may be planning to set up a teepee and a sacred fire in Confederation Park in support of the Freedom Convoy protest. She writes that the Algonquin Nation disavows the protestors and neither supports nor endorses their actions. **(RELIABLE)**
5. [REDACTED] entered Ontario from Manitoba at approximately 1000 hours this date. **(RELIABLE)**
6. Police information indicates that some truck drivers are discussing going to Toronto after Ottawa. **(UNKNOWN)**

OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

Information from open sources, including the media and social media, is critical for developing all-source intelligence that provides context, and which identifies indicators of ideologies, beliefs, and attitudes that motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours. This component of all-source intelligence is vital for informing law enforcement in developing strategies and tactics to prevent, mitigate or respond to potential threats.

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7. Open source research has identified a video posted on the Facebook Page of [REDACTED], a co-founder of THE LINE CANADA, suggesting that he may be in Ottawa. Further, THE LINE CANADA appears to have set up a hut in Ottawa. In a social media video on 2022-01-07, [REDACTED] stated that all of the groups opposed to the vaccine mandates and the government would set aside their differences and band together to conduct a significant event. Recently, police services around the province have reported receiving thumb drives with a return address of THE LINE CANADA. **(RELIABLE)**

Analyst Comment: *It is possible that THE LINE CANADA's presence in Ottawa and the mailing of the thumb drives may be part of the significant event that [REDACTED] referred to in his January video.*

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8. Social media information suggests that PHAT FARM CAR MEETS may have tried to organize a convoy to Ottawa on 2022-01-28. PHAT FARM CAR MEETS appears to be organizing a convoy to Toronto scheduled for 2022-02-05 starting at 1000 hours and arriving at Queens Park at 1200 hours.

Social media also indicates a potential connection between PHAT FARM CAR MEETS and [REDACTED]. Further, [REDACTED] a FREEDOM CONVOY 2022 Road Captain, may be helping to organize the noted convoy to Toronto.

Analyst Comment: The available information suggests that the convoy to Queens Park on 2022-02-05 may be organized collectively by THE LINE CANADA, [REDACTED] and PHAT FARM CAR MEETS. The precise role of each individual or group is unknown. This is the first time that Project HENDON is aware of these entities cooperating. This may be an opportunistic partnership of convenience that may serve to increase the number of individuals engaging in ongoing protests in the short term.

9. Open source research has identified a video on social media in which [REDACTED] (a.k.a. [REDACTED]) claims that he is in contact with clan grandmothers who will be attending the protest in Ottawa because Ottawa is on unceded territory that was stolen by the government. He asks for warriors, elders, and other Indigenous leaders to join them. **(UNKNOWN)**
10. Open source research has identified social media messaging on a Facebook page in the name of [REDACTED] that "Clan Grandmothers" were calling for "Braves and Warriors Ottawa Confederation Park". The post further alleges that "Clan Mothers" were there taking back their unceded land. A message written in [REDACTED]'s name questions the legitimacy and identity of the "Clan Grandmothers" and indicates that the callout could provide the opportunity for "landback" activities at Parliament Hill. **(UNKNOWN)**

Analyst Comment: The legitimacy of the noted callout is in doubt, as "Braves" is not a term that is used by Indigenous people.

11. Open source research indicates that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] erected a teepee and participated in a pipe ceremony in Confederation Park this morning. **(UNKNOWN)**
12. Open source research has identified social media messaging suggesting that [REDACTED] had facilitated the protest. The post included the address of his constituency office and the suggestion that a protest be held there to show peoples' anger at the Freedom Convoy protest. [REDACTED] is the Conservative Member of Parliament for Carleton. **(RELIABLE)**

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13. Open source research has identified social media messaging on the Twitter page “@CanadianCentury” indicating that the users are losing patience with the protest and that it was time to stage a counter-protest. **(RELIABLE)**
14. Open source research has identified a video on social media that allegedly depicts a very agitated Ottawa resident screaming and swearing at participants in the Ottawa blockade and telling them to leave. A male who may have filmed the incident is smiling and laughing as he describes it. **(RELIABLE)**
15. Open source research has identified social media messaging indicating that unknown persons may have begun to spray paint the trucks in the blockade in Ottawa. **(UNKNOWN)**
16. Open source research has identified an online video that appears to depict an individual throwing eggs at trucks in the Ottawa blockade. **(UNKNOWN)**
17. Media reporting indicates that some individuals who attended the protest on 2022-01-29/30 may intend to return this coming weekend. Anecdotal information suggests that some hotels may be cancelling these reservations. **(UNKNOWN)**
18. Media reporting on the Coutts border crossing indicates that as a result of police making the decision to clear the roads, some trucks breached a police barrier and joined the blockade. The media further reports that a police officer was assaulted and that a protestor may have attempted to ram a police vehicle. **(UNKNOWN)**
19. Open source research has identified social media messaging in the name of “REAL [REDACTED]” ([REDACTED] a.k.a. [REDACTED] calling the truck drivers in the Coutts blockade “front line heroes” and sharing a request for donated supplies for them, including fuel, jerry cans; food, toiletries and other items. **(RELIABLE)**
20. Social media messaging indicates that a second convoy is on the way to Ottawa from British Columbia; that there is a convoy from Regina on route to Quebec; and that a convoy is planned to attend the Ontario Legislature in Toronto on 2022-02-05 (see **Event Schedule**). The available information is conflicting as to whether or not part of the convoy that is not currently being allowed into downtown Ottawa may divert to Toronto. Social media messaging also suggests that part of the convoy from Regina may go to the Ontario Legislature and the remainder to Montreal. **(UNKNOWN)**

Analytical Comment: This information is **all UNCONFIRMED and of UNKNOWN RELIABILITY**. Project HENDON has requested the RCMP to advise if any convoy of tractor-trailers is observed eastbound.

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21. Open source research has identified a Tweet claiming that the REPUBLIC OF KANATA was offering a \$10,000 reward for the arrest of the Prime Minister and Governor General. Further research revealed nothing on the REPUBLIC OF KANATA website to this effect, only the “verdict” that it issued 2022-01-15 ordering the arrest of a range of public figures. This information has now circulated further on social media. **(RELIABLE)**
22. The GoFundMe account supporting the Freedom Convoy amounts to \$10 million (2022-02-01 1154 hours). **(RELIABLE)**
23. The “ADOPT A TRUCKER” fundraiser had raised almost \$163,516 as of 2022-01-31 at 1153 hours. **(RELIABLE)**

ASSESSMENT

The incident in Coutts and supportive social media messaging around it has likely energized and given momentum to the protestors in Ottawa. The breach of the police barrier in Coutts demonstrates the degree to which some truck drivers and supporters may be willing to defy the authorities; the potential officer safety risk; and the limitations of some of the tools available to law enforcement in this situation.

It is unknown whether any truck convoys are travelling to Ottawa or points in Quebec from western Canada or from the United States. All of the available information is based on social media: it is of unknown reliability and remains unconfirmed by any first-hand observations or police reporting. Project HENDON continues to monitor open sources and has reached out to the RCMP for assistance in this regard.

It is likely that blockades, including border blockades, and related protests will occur organically and with little or no warning in communities across the province. Establishing blockades or conducting “slow rolls” locally may be rapidly mobilized and ultimately more effective in placing additional pressure on the authorities than joining the protest in Ottawa. Local blockades are likely to gain media attention; place maximum pressure on governments at both the provincial and federal levels; and disperse law enforcement resources. For some truck drivers, such blockades may also be more cost effective in terms of time and financial resources than travelling across the country, while blockades at border points will certainly disrupt the movement of goods and services, as well as the daily movement of individuals who must cross the border for employment purposes.

Some individuals at the protest in Ottawa have self-identified as Indigenous or claim to represent fictitious Indigenous communities. These individuals appear to be leveraging the protest to ostensibly draw attention to Indigenous land rights. Indigenous support for the protest appears to be generally low. Dubious claims of Indigenous heritage by some protest organizers and participants have already caused some Indigenous leaders

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to disavow the protest, and will likely decrease the level of any sympathy for it in Indigenous communities. The call for support at Confederation Park may be an attempt to generate Indigenous support for the protest, or, perhaps, the perception of Indigenous support. The OPP Indigenous Issues and Intelligence Unit (IIIU) continues to monitor and advise Project HENDON.

The available information suggests that counter-protests may occur as a result of the ongoing blockade in Ottawa and solidarity protests. The potential for conflict between protestors and counter-protestors may increase the potential threat to public safety and place strain on local police resources.

Project HENDON has not identified any concrete, specific, or credible threat with regard to the Freedom Convoy protest, Operation BearHug 2.0., or local solidarity protests. However, the possibility that a lone actor or group of individuals could enact a threat with little or no warning cannot be excluded.

EVENT SCHEDULE

2022-02-02

- **North Bay: Honk City Hall – (0900 hours)**

2022-02-03

- **North Bay: Health Unit Protest to Drop All Mandates – (0900 hours)**

2022-02-04

- **Toronto – Convoy Protest – Tractor Meet, Queens Park (1300 hours)**

2022-02-05

- **Ottawa: Freedom Dance Party – Parliament Hill (1200 -1500 hours)**
- **Toronto: Convoy Protest – meeting points at 1000 hours as follows:**
 - Orangeville – 95 First Street;
 - Vaughan Mills;
 - Scarborough Town Centre;
 - Yorkdale Mall;
 - Sherway Gardens;

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- Square One;
- Oakville – Tim Hortons, HWY 403 and Dundas
- **Mississauga: Freedom Convoy Counter-Demonstration** – Celebration Square (no further details)
- **Norfolk County: Tractor Convoy (four routes) – Destination Simcoe**
 - Route A:
 - **Dunnville** (1000 hours) through Selkirk, Fisherville, Nelles Corners to Cayuga (1130 hours)
 - Route B:
 - **Cayuga** (1200 hours) through Jarvis to Simcoe (1300 hours)
 - Route C:
 - **Langton** (1000 hours) to Port Rowan ending in Simcoe (1200 hours)
 - Route D:
 - **Tillsonburg** (1000 hours) through Delhi and Waterford to Simcoe (1200 hours)

Appendix “A”

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Schedule (from social media)

- **2022-02-02:** Arrive Regina (0000 hours); Brandon; Winnipeg (0630 hours); Kenora (0930 hours); via Hwy 17 to Thunder Bay (1630 hours)
- **Thunder Bay:** meet and greet public, dinner at 3131 Arthur St W, GRANDMA'S FAMILY RESTAURANT AND TRUCK STOP; slow roll through Thunder Bay 1800 hours before departing
- **2022-02-03:** Arrive Sault Ste. Marie 0200 hours; Sudbury (0530 hours); North Bay (0700 hours)
- **Arrive Ottawa between 1100 and 1230 hours**
- **2022-03-06:** Depart Ottawa for Quebec (no further details)



Image of vehicle transporting [REDACTED] (Provided by Vancouver PD – used with permission)

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